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## ***Toastmasters Open House is October 9th***

Do you want to become more comfortable with public speaking, build confidence and improve your leadership skills - and get this done during your lunch break? Participation in Toastmasters could be for you!

Public Employees Toastmasters invite you to attend a Toastmasters awareness event and open house on Thursday, October 9, 2003 at starting at 11:30 a.m. in Room 40 of the Lower Level of City Hall. Free refreshments and information will be provided.

Proclamations by Saint Paul Mayor Randy Kelly and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty in recognition of October as Toastmasters month will be presented at 12:00 noon. Speakers, and information about all St. Paul Toastmaster clubs along with their different meeting days and places will also be available. For information, contact Paul Mordorski (PED), Public Employees Toastmasters at 266-6683.

## ***Combined Campaign begins October 6th***

The 2003 Saint Paul Combined Campaign begins October 6th and runs through October 17th.

Please consider donating to any of the eight federations participating in the campaign. The services they provide not only assist us in time of crisis, but also throughout our daily lives. Unless we support them now, they will not be around to support us when we need them.

You can sign up for payroll deduction or make a one-time donation by writing a personal check to the federation of your choice. Pledge forms and brochures will be delivered by your department representative.

This online newsletter has live links to the web sites for each of the nine charities represented in this year's drive. Just click on the logos or web addresses to find out more about the causes they represent.

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*Dear friend:*

*This October, your co-workers will be reminding you to consider contributing to one or more of several charities.*

*As public employees, nearly everything we do is to help Saint Paul residents and businesses. Please join me in considering an additional charitable gift that will directly touch the lives of those in need.*

*Randy Kelly*

***Please print this for your co-workers. The City is continuing to save money by not producing printed copies of the City Update. Please print this newsletter for co-workers without computer access. Thank you.***

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*Places to go. Things to do.*

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## October is Disability Awareness Month

October is Disability Awareness Month, and the City of Saint Paul Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities and Mayor Randy Kelly are recognizing employers of persons with disabilities at an Employers Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, October 9th, at 8:00 a.m. at the Wigington Pavilion on Harriet Island in Saint Paul. For the last five years the committee has recognized these valuable and progressive business leaders.

### Enroll this month for long-term coverage

During the month of October, you will have the opportunity to enroll for new amounts of Long Term Disability coverage. There will be no health questions asked if you are now enrolled in the plan. Employees who turned down the coverage initially may enroll subject to approval of a health questionnaire.

It's easy to enroll in Long Term Disability coverage. Simply select the amount of coverage you want in a monthly benefit amount between \$500 and \$5,000 per month. You may choose up to a maximum of 60% of your salary. Then, turn in your enrollment form to an Ochs Inc. representative. Your coverage will begin on January 1, 2004. Coverage for pre-existing conditions will begin on January 1, 2004, for any additional amounts.

Long Term Disability insurance is a practical and cost effective way to assure that you have continued income if you become disabled and can no longer work. Measure the gap between your potential income and your ability to pay bills in the event of a disability, then enroll in the Long Term Disability plan during the October open enrollment.

Review your Employee Benefits Booklet for plan details, or visit with an Ochs Inc. representative at any open enrollment session.



The 16th annual Cub Foods Zoo Boo returns to Como Zoo, October 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, and 26th, each day from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Zoo Boo is a non-scary Halloween event for families and young children. The grounds of Como Zoo transform into a world of fairytales and fun. Over 100 live costumed characters interact and entertain children along an outdoor Zoo Boo path, handing out terrific treats. This magical event offers families a safe and spook-tacular trick-or-treating alternative. Children are encouraged to dress in costume and dress warmly for this outdoor event. Advance tickets for the Zoo Boo are available at the Zoo gift shop, Conservatory gift shop, and at all metro Cub Food stores, or by calling 651-487-8226. Tickets are \$4 for children, \$2 for adults.

### Mayor's Leadership Academy participants

The City of Saint Paul is pleased to announce the Fall 2003 participants of the second session of the Mayor's Leadership Academy in collaboration with the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor's Leadership Academy is an

extensive leadership development experience utilizing the skills and competencies of respected Saint Paul business and public sector executives. The Academy is designed to develop future leaders for the City of Saint Paul.

*Todd Axtell*  
Police Department

*Monica Beeman*  
Public Works

*Christopher Cahill*  
Fire Department

*Donald Cheney*  
LIEP

*Patty Dee*  
Parks and Recreation

*Gwen Dixon*  
Parks and Recreation/Libraries

*Thomas Ferrara*  
Parks and Recreation

*Todd Hurley*  
Financial Services

*Susan Jacobson*  
Fire Department

*John Kelly*  
City Attorney Office-Civil

*Eric Larson*  
City Attorney Office

*Brad McCullough*  
Technology and Management Services

*Andrea Miller*  
City Attorney Office

*Marcia Moermond*  
Council-Research

*Diane Nordquist*  
PED

*Ruth O'Brien*  
St. Paul Regional Water Services

*Scott Phalen*  
Technology and Management Services

*Bruce Riebe*  
Technology and Management Services

*Greg Riedesel*  
Technology and Management Services

*Karen Sanchez*  
Human Resources

*Matt Simpson*  
Fire Department

*LeeAnn Turchin*  
Human Resources

*Michael Urmann*  
Fire Department

*Kou Vang*  
St. Paul Regional Water Services

*Dave VerBout*  
Technology and Management Services

*Yang Zhang*  
PED

## Saint Paul Cable Office wins more awards

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) recently announced the winners of its 18th

*We are very pleased to announce that the City of Saint Paul - Office of Cable Communications won FIRST PLACE AWARD for "LIBRARY: A Workshop for the Future." "LIBRARY" is a half-hour program produced to commemorate the \$15 million dollar, two-year renovation of the Saint Paul Central Library, combining a history of the library and its renovation with an entertaining discussion on how a library – any library – is much more than the building that houses the books. "LIBRARY" was written, produced and edited by Claire Simonson with Holly Hansen as Executive Producer.*

*Claire would like to acknowledge the help of Production Coordinator Terry Devine and the staff of the Office of Cable Communications, as well as valuable assistance by staff members of the Saint Paul Public Library and the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library.*

*We are also very pleased to announce that in the Category of "Interview/Talk Show" the City of Saint Paul - Office of Cable Communications also was awarded 'Honorable Mention' for "Council Matters," a*

Annual Government Programming Awards. The Awards recognize excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic program-

*monthly program which has been produced by the City of Saint Paul for approximately twelve years. The goal of the program is to showcase the work of our City Council in a public affairs talk show format. Each month, host Neil Murray talks with Council members, city staff, experts and citizens to look at the sometimes complex issues facing the City, and explore how the Council's work affects everyone in Saint Paul. "Council Matters" is also produced and edited by Claire Simonson, with assistance from City Council staff. Executive Producer is Holly Hansen.*



*Being recognized for these latest accomplishments continues a long tradition*

ming developed by municipal agencies.

Here is the NATOA's award statement:

*of award-winning video productions by the Cable Office. Since 1987, the Cable Office has won over 60 state and national awards for its original productions. "Council Matters" has won 9 of those awards.*

*NATOA received 925 entries from municipalities across the country. The entries covered 59 categories of programming including, among others, community events, documentary, public affairs and public service, interview/talk show, performing arts, sports, election coverage and children's issues.*

*"This year, perhaps even more than ever, local government programming has become of vital concern and importance to our citizens. Local interest programming informs, educates and entertains the members of our nation's communities. The number and diversity of entries underscore the vital role municipal agencies play in the delivery of high quality local interest programming," said NATOA President Denise Brady. "NATOA is proud to celebrate the important contributions of government access programming in building stronger, tighter knit communities."*

## A citizen's letter of thanks

The City of Saint Paul, through e-mail to the Citizen Service Office, receives many, many complaints, suggestions, requests, and yes — even compliments — every day.

The following letter represents especially good service by parking enforcement personnel.

*Yesterday, Sunday, September 21, 2003, I e-mailed the Citizen Service Office, the Chief of Police William K. Finney Office, the Saint Paul Mayor's Office, and my Saint Paul City Council representative, Jim Reiter*

*about a brown Oldsmobile, Cutlass Ciera SL, license plate number XXX 000, that was abandoned on Cohansey and West Wheelock Parkway.*

*The Citizen Service Office e-mailed me back today, Monday, September 22, 2003! They indicated they would have the parking enforcement people come out. I returned home tonight and the car was gone!*

*THANK YOU SO MUCH. I never expected this issue to be resolved so quickly!*

*I know often the parking enforcement people and the City public offices do not get a*

*lot of credit but I know that you are all working with tight budgets on bigger problems than an abandoned car, but I cannot tell you how great it is to be listened to.*

**AGAIN TO EVERYONE INVOLVED —  
THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

*CC: Citizen Service Office, the Chief of Police William K. Finney Office, the Saint Paul Mayor's Office, and my Saint Paul City Council representative, Jim Reiter*

**THANK YOU**



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**Charities in this year's Combined Campaign (click for web link)**
[www.healthcharitiesmn.org](http://www.healthcharitiesmn.org)

[www.mnenvironmentfund.org](http://www.mnenvironmentfund.org)

[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

[www.solutionsfund.org](http://www.solutionsfund.org)

[www.oyh.org](http://www.oyh.org)

[www.vipi.org](http://www.vipi.org)

[www.unitedwaytwincities.org](http://www.unitedwaytwincities.org)

[www.unitedartsmn.org](http://www.unitedartsmn.org)

[www.tchabitat.org](http://www.tchabitat.org)
**Join 10,000 Steps program and walk at Xcel Energy Center to get fit this fall**

Regions Hospital, the HealthPartners 10,000 Steps program, and the Xcel Energy Center have teamed up once again to bring you an exciting indoor walking program. Beginning October 7th, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (subject to arena availability) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., The St. Paul Club level of the Xcel Energy

Center will be available to the public for walking. Everyone is welcome to participate, and if you are a member of the 10,000 Steps® program, every step you take inside the arena counts towards Xcel Energy Center and Minnesota Wild merchandise. It also qualifies you for a chance to win tickets to a Wild hockey game or Xcel Energy Center concert.

There will be a special kick-off event on October 7th beginning at 11 a.m. (program from 11:15-11:30) featuring free lunch and beverages for the first 200 people, door prizes, and the first lap around the arena. To find out more about this unique walking program, visit [www.regionshospital.com](http://www.regionshospital.com), look under News and Events.

**City job openings as of October 3rd, 2003**

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Aquatics Facility Supervisor (Year-Round)	\$11.71 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Assistant Aquatics Facility Supervisor (Year-Round)	\$10.08 per hr	See Job Ann
10/13/03	Carpenter	\$28.66 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Director of Education Initiative	\$55,000-\$70,000 yearly	See Job Ann
10/07/03	Emergency Comm. Center Shift Supervisor (PROM)	\$49,223-\$65,798 yearly	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard (Year-Round)	\$8.45 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (Year-Round)	\$8.98 per hr	See Job Ann
10/06/03	Senior Workers Compensation Claims Processor	\$33,745-\$46,045 yearly	See Job Ann
10/07/03	Vehicle Mechanic-Heavy Truck & Equipment	\$22.59 per hr	See Job Ann
10/06/03	Workers Compensation Claims Processor	\$26,290-\$35,131 yearly	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after September 30th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.

On January 16th, 2003, Mayor Randy Kelly announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul until further notice. This applies to all positions within the City, but excludes the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and RiverCentre.

Certain positions may be determined exempt for the hiring freeze; please continue to check our web site and job line to see if there are any new postings for which you might be interested.